FT07 JACKSON'S FIRE

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HISTORICAL ACCOUNT

LOCATION: Puffendorf
DATE: 17 November 1944
COMMENTARY: Since the fall of Aachen on 21 October, the U.S 1st Army had attempted to reinforce its bridgehead in German territory. In the south of the city, fights that take place in the drill of Hertgen are a rare violence and the G.I.s are put has pain by a German defence that one believed moribund. ll is necessary to conquer strands of the Roer on which several dams have been constructed however and that threaten to flood all the plain while remaining to hands of the Germans, giving back the advance toward the very delicate Rhine.

At the beginning of November the 28th Infantry Division captured several cities and arrived in view of the dams. But the division was quickly put in discomfiture by the 116th Panzer Division that counterattacked briskly.

In the same way, to the north of Aachen, the 2nd Armored Division progressed without too many difficulties in spite of the muddy terrain, until it reached Puffendorf. The following morning, the 1st and 2nd Armored Battalions of the 67th Armored Regiment continued their advance in the direction of Gereonsweiler.

Shortly after dawn, whereas the U.S column commits in a hilly land, elements of a neighbouring height kampfgruppe deboulent have agrcssent his/her/its flank. The pilonnege of two camp artillery nails the infantry to soil and let armour them face has face. The Shermans are not able to contoumer and attack the rear of the a few 20 Panthers and Tigers, masters of hills. The struggle is unequalled. A Sherman extricates l3 shells in succession sieve the least effect on a Tiger. Whereas some companies only possess 3 or 4 tanks, the commander U.S. asks the reinforcement of tank destroyers at the rear of the column. 90mm cannon have the poussitre bitten to armour them Germans but the balance of the day is terrifying: 38 Shermans and 19 M5 have been destroyed. This confrontation, record like the biggest fight of chariots of the 2nd Armored Division, was proof of the inferiority of the U.S. tanks in all areas: firepower, mobility, protection. The promise to go in country for Noe1 seems flown definitely.

TURN RECORD CHART

✚ GERMAN Sets Up First	1 ☆	2 ☆	3	4 ☆	5	6	7	END
☆ AMERICAN Moves First								

THE BATTLEFIELD AND CONDITIONS

Woods are Pine Woods (P1.); roads do not exist.

EC are Wet with a Mild Breeze blowing from the North East at start.

VICTORY CONDITIONS

The American player wins if he exits ≥ 5 AFVs off the north edge or ≥ 4 German AFVs have either been destroyed or Recalled.

SCENARIO SPECIFIC RULES:

1 The Germans are considered elite for Ammo Depletion purposes.

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Elements of the 2nd Battalion, 67th Armoured Regiment, 2nd Armoured Division enters on the south edge of maps 16 and/or 43 {SAN: 5} Before the first turn, the American player forms two groups ≥ 5 AFVs and ≥1 Armour Leader. One group enters on GT1 and the other on GT2. Each group must have at least 1 AFV of each type. Each type must have an Armour Leader. The M4A3 are equipped with Gyrostabilisers.
Balance: the Americans must exit 6 AFVs to win.

ELR: -
SAN: 5

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Elements of the 702nd Tank Destroyer Battalion enter on GT4 on the south edge of maps 16 and/or 43.

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Elements of the 9th Panzer Division set up in Motion on map 2 in any hex ≥ 5 north of row inclusive I.
Balance: the Americans must exit 4 AFVs to win.

ELR: -
SAN: 5

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Elements of the s Pz Abteilungs 506 set up in Motion on map 2 in any hex ≥ 5 north of row I inclusive.

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